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The East Asian Curriculum Project (EACP) of Columbia University is a national project whose goal is to support education on Asia at the secondary and elementary levels. The project has developed a variety of curriculum resources and collaborated with state and local educators in designing units about Asia for teachers. Each packet contains brief resource lists along with the locations and names of resource centers dealing with each country or area. This document on Japan contains materials appropriate for grades one through nine. The teaching units are centered on the use of videocassettes prepared by the Asia Society to introduce children to daily life in Japan. (NL)

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VIDEO CENTERED UNITS

VIDEOLETTERS FROM JAPAN (Series 1 - revised edition)

This excellent set of six (6) videocassettes, prepared by the Asia Society, provides students with an excellent visual introduction to daily life in Japan. Narrated by an Japanese school child, the films can be chosen on the topics listed below. Each unit comes with a videocassette (25-minutes in length), a teaching manual, and classroom poster. Designed for grades 5-7, the videos have been easily and successfully adapted to lower or upper grades. Topics are:

"My Day"	A day in the life of a Tokyo sixth grader;
"Tohoku Diary"	A school trip exploring the geography of northern Honshu;
"My Family"	An in-depth look at two families in northern Japan;
"Making Things"	A view of traditional and contemporary industry;
"Living Arts"	An introduction to traditional dance, Kabuki theater, the tea ceremony, and flower arrangement; and
"Our School"	An exploration of the fun and games as well as the rigorous academic schedule of school life in Japan.

Order from: Education Department
The Asia Society
725 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10021

Price: $22.95 each packet ($130.00 for the entire set of six, pre-paid)

3-2-1 CONTACT: JAPAN WEEK

This five-part series, produced by Children's Television Workshop, focuses on science as well as on aspects of Japanese life. Filmed in Japan, these 27-minute programs are highly recommended for grades 3 through 8. Program titles and topics include:

"*Precious Oysters, Rare Salamanders*" (environment and biology)

"*Landslide*" (Mt. Fuji and geology)

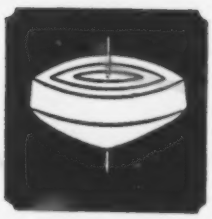
"*Paper and Kites*" (general science)

"*Earthquake*" (geology)

"*Judo and Computers*" (Japanese language and mathematics)

Order from: Children's Television Workshop
School Services Division
One Lincoln Plaza
New York, NY 10023

Price: $26.48 each video program
$ 4.25 each teacher's guide



TEACHING WORKBOOKS

STEPPING STONES: TEACHING ABOUT JAPAN IN THE ELEMENTARY GRADES

A broad introduction to Japan is provided by this collection of lessons prepared by the Japan Alumni, teachers who travelled to Japan as JISEA/Keizai Koho fellows over the past years, with the support of the Keizai Koho Center in Japan, the National Council for Social Studies (NCSS), and the Japan Foundation. The activities are grouped under the following headings: Motivational Activities, Land and People, Hands-on Experiences, Economic Interdependence, Culture and Customs, Perceptions of the Past, and Culminating Activities.

Order from: U.S.-Japan Education Group
17 Eagle Rock Road
Mill Valley, CA 94941

Price: Free

TANOSHII GAKUSHU: LEARNING WITH ENJOYMENT

This excellent collection of class materials contains units on geography (map transparencies), trade, food and cooking, language, folktales, the arts, games, and exercises. It was prepared by the Center for Asian Studies at the University of Illinois.

Order from: Center for Asian Studies
Outreach Office
1208 West California
University of Illinois
Urbana, IL 61801

Price: $8.00

JAPAN IN THE CLASSROOM: ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY ACTIVITIES

Developed and tested by teachers who participated in a 1985 Group Project to Japan, this publication contains 18 complete activities K-12 teachers can integrate into a range of social studies units. Topics include: Japanese homes and food, poetry and proverbs, population density, history, economic development, and Japanese investment in the United States. Students are involved in such activities as constructing timelines, creating a graphic that concretely compares population density in the U.S. and Japan, drawing and reading maps, and role playing a city council deciding whether to seek Japanese business investment in its community. Varied strategies encourage students to learn about Japan's culture and people. Masters for all student handouts are provided.

Order from: Social Science Education Consortium, Inc.
855 Broadway
Boulder, CO 80302

Price: $15.95

RESOURCES FOR JAPAN-RELATED CURRICULUM, GRADES 1-8

An annotated bibliography compiled by Mina Bayne in conjunction with the Japan Curriculum of the University of Wyoming Lab School.

Order from: Dean
College of Education
University of Wyoming
Laramie, WY 82071

Price: $2.00

TEACHING JAPAN THROUGH THE ARTS

This series of four (4) books, designed for use in elementary and junior high classes, introduces students to Japan through a variety of activities, some of which are art related. The books were developed and tested by an interdisciplinary team of educators and Japan specialists, JEMS.

BOOK I: **Natsu Matsuri**, offers a study of Japan's summer festivals and provides students an opportunity to learn about family traditions and community celebrations, with material on the meaning of dance, song, decorations and food in the contemporary celebration of Tanabata and O-Bon.

BOOK II: **Traditional Arts and Culture**, uses a variety of activities to acquaint students with traditional patterns and designs, Kabuki, Sumo wrestling, and "Momotaro," a popular Japanese folktale. Directions for performing a Kabuki play are included.

BOOK III: **Japan Through Art Activities**, uses arts activities to introduce basic concepts helpful in studying Japan in units on objects of daily life, mapping Japan, Japan's population density and space, and "The Wave."

BOOK IV: **School Days in Japan** provides an opportunity for American students to experience Japanese school life through role play, children's games and sports day activities, writing simple Japanese characters, and comparing school songs.

Order from: East Asia Resource Center
The University of Washington
Thomson Hall DR-05
Seattle, WA 98195

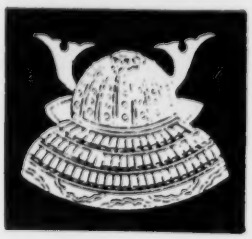
Price: $8.00 per book; $32 for the entire set

JAPAN ACTIVITY SHEETS

A packet of ten (10) activity sheets including directions for making paper dolls, New Year's cards, chopsticks, paper samurai helmets, carp streamers, and fish printing.

Order from: Museum Shop
The Childrens' Museum
300 Congress Street
Boston, MA 02210

Price: $5.95



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EXPLORING THE INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE

Unit 10 of this 34-unit workbook for grades 5 and 6 is on "Japan and the United States as Trading Partners." Designed by the Joint Council for Economic Education, the materials are designed to teach fundamental economic principles to students and to provide a basic introduction to the American economic system and its relationship to the world economy.

Order from: Joint Council on Economic Education
2 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Price: $17.50

THE LIFE OF AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT
THE LIFE OF A JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

Pamphlets with black and white photos, describing a day in the life of a 4th grade Japanese student and a junior high school student. The format is appealing to counterparts in the United States.

Order from: ISEI (International Society for Educational Information)
Royal Wakaba 5F, 22 Wakaba 1-chome
Shinjuku-ku
Tokyo, 160 Japan

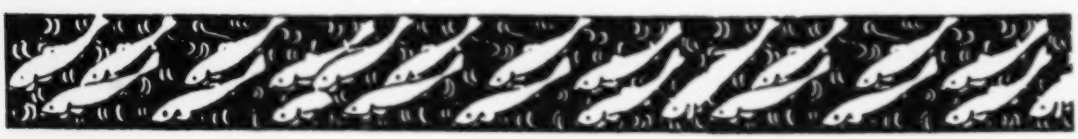
Price: Inquire

THE DISCOVERY BOX

This unit from the SPICE program at Stanford is not a box, but a guide to how to construct a "discovery box" of artifacts from Japan using items students can find at home or in their own communities.

Order from: SPICE (Stanford Program on International and Cross-Cultural Education)
Littlefield Center, Rm. 14
300 Lausen Street
Stanford University
Stanford, CA 94305-5013

Price: $5.95



THE CHILDREN OF JAPAN

A poster set accompanied by an introductory booklet offering background material and stories to supplement the posters.

Order from: ISEI
(as above)

Price: Inquire

HALFWAY AROUND THE WORLD LAST WEEK

A variety of activities for grades K-6 are provided in this booklet written by Judith Wooster following a study tour to Japan.

Order from: Bureau of Social Studies Education
New York State Education Department
Washington Avenue, Room 312EB
Albany, NY 12234

Price: Inquire

JAPANESE AND CHINESE EXERCISES

Focusing on simple stretches and warm-up exercises done in Japan and China, the unit includes a two-sided cassette tape and separate manuals for Japanese radio exercises and for Chinese four-minute exercises.

Order from: SPICE
(address above)

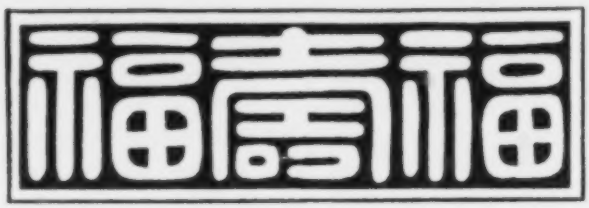
Price: $7.95

EARLY JAPAN

A self-directed study of ancient Japanese culture with reproducible sheets of suggestions for student research projects for grades K-3 and 4-8. The 14-page unit was written by Ruth Patzman of the University of Arizona East Asian Outreach Office and is published and distributed by Zephyr Press.

Order from: Zephyr Press
430 South Essex Lane
Tucson, Arizona 85711

Price: $12.95



LANGUAGE

These are not language learning materials but activities teaching culture and literature.

INTRODUCTION TO JAPANESE: HIRAGANA

An introduction to Japanese syllabary writing and to the sounds of the Japanese language. The unit includes a pronunciation tape and a teacher's manual. (Grades K-6)

Order from: SPICE
(address above)

Price: $10.95

THE HAIKU MOMENT: SEEING THE WORLD IN A GRAIN OF SAND

Writing activities accompanied by slides and a cassette tape of haiku and Japanese music introduce students to the world of Japanese aesthetics and poetry. Unit includes a tape and 12 slides. (Grades K-6)

Order from: SPICE
(address above)

Price: $15.95

THE RABBIT AND THE MOON: FOLKTALES FROM CHINA AND JAPAN

A cross-cultural investigation of eight Chinese and Japanese folktales designed to interest students in China and Japan. Two Japanese folktales have optional slides. Students create their own folktales as a final activity. (Grades K-6)

Order from: SPICE
(address above)

Price: text only $ 9.95
text and 51 slides $34.95

OMIYAGE

A book of experiences in Japanese language and culture for students in grades 6-12, this workbook uses language activities to teach about the culture, history and values of the Japanese people. It is not a language learning text. There is also a supplementary workbook available for individual student use, containing 40 activities.

Order from: Associates in Multicultural and International Education (AMIE)
P.O. Box 14256
Chicago, IL 60614

Price: $32.50 (plus $2.50 postage and handling)
$ 4.25 (plus .75 p & h) for supplementary workbook

ART

ART OF JAPAN: A CURRICULUM PACKET FOR TEACHERS

Prepared by the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, this unit provides activity sheets and pictures of art objects; particularly suited for use by teachers of grades 5 - 8.

Order from: Education Department/Teachers Packets
Museum of Fine Arts
465 Huntington Avenue
Boston, MA 02115-5597

Price: $15.00

JAPANESE ART FOR THE CLASSROOM

This curriculum resource unit, prepared by the Seattle Art Museum, includes 20 slides of Japanese art objects, a cassette tape of Japanese stories and music, activity sheets, and a teacher's guide.

Order from: Eduction Department/Att: Japan
Seattle Art Museum
Volunteer Park
Seattle, WA 98112

Price: $29.95

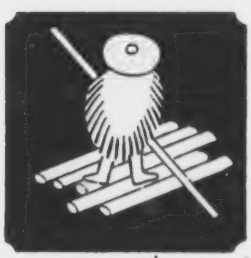
JAPANESE-AMERICANS

JAPANESE AMERICAN JOURNEY: THE STORY OF A PEOPLE

Designed for grades 5-8 and above and published by the Japan American Curriculum Project in San Mateo, California, this 181-page booklet includes a history of Japanese-Americans, biographies, and short stories.

Order from: JACP, Inc.
Box 367
San Mateo, CA 94401

Price: $12.95 paperback ($22.50 hardbound)
plus $2.00 shipping



KITS

Commercially distributed kits are expensive because of the difficulty of packaging artifacts. Teachers are advised to take advantage of resources in their own communities, be it Japanese families, Japanese-American families, or stores selling products from Japan. See also ***The Discovery Box*** above.

MUSEUM KITS: BOSTON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

The Boston Children's Museum has a series of discovery kits, exhibit kits, and curriculum units on Japan that are available for loan to schools in New York state and New England. Titles include: *"Japanese Children's Day"*, *"Japanese New Year"*, *"Japan: Getting Acquainted"*, and *"Japanese Family"*.

Order from: Boston Children's Museum
Museum Wharf
300 Congress Street
Boston, MA 02210

Price: Rental for 1-3 weeks ranges from $15-$50

OTHER UNITS FOR K-12 *(Some of the material in each of these units is appropriate for elementary grades)*

MODERN JAPAN: AN IDEA BOOK FOR K-12 TEACHERS

Edited by Mary Hammond Bernson and Elaine Magnusson, this booklet is a collection of lessons and suggestion contributed by twenty-six teachers who participated in a summer institute on Japan sponsored by the East Asia Resource Center at the University of Washington in 1983. It was published in conjunction with the Superintendent of Public Instruction of the State of Washington.

Order from: Office for Multicultural and Equity Education
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Washington
Old Capitol Building, FG-11
Olympia, WA 98504

Price: Free (this booklet was published with state money and is free while supply lasts)

JAPAN: GEOGRAPHY, CUISINE AND CULTURE

This 4-module unit for grades K-12 introduces students to Japanese cooking, sources of food, and the geographical and climatic conditions which control the choice of food and methods of cooking.

Order from: Outreach Program
Council on East Asian Studies
Yale University
Box 13A, Yale Station
85 Trumbull Street
New Haven, CT 06520

Price: $4.00

A LOOK AT JAPANESE CULTURE THROUGH THE FAMILY

This unit contains descriptions of 33 Japanese families, written by elementary and secondary school teachers who spent one- and two-day homestays with both urban and rural families during a three-week study tour of Japan in 1988, sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Region Japan Project. The case studies are designed to provide middle and high school students with material on which to base hypotheses about traditions, social institutions, and values in Japan today.

Order from: Rocky Mountain Regional Japan Project
855 Broadway
Boulder, CO 80302

Price: $6.00 (plus $2.00 postage and handling)

OPENING DOORS: CONTEMPORARY JAPAN

A project of the Education Sub-Committee, United States-Japan Conference for Cultural and Education Exchange (CULCON) in cooperation with the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in 1979, this publication is comprised of a series of activities, divided into eight units, through which a student learns by experience and participation how the Japanes respond to universal problems such as personal identity, achievement, decision-making, expressing reality, and preserving the quality of their life. The student can compare the Japanese response with his own response to these basic needs.

Order from: Education Department
The Asia Society
725 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10021

Price: Inquire; publication now being reprinted

JAPAN

A workbook prepared under the direction of Rita Geiger, social studies specialist in the Oklahoma State Department of Education, following her visit to Japan as a JISEA fellow.

Order from: Oklahoma State Department of Education
Curriculum Section, Rm. 382
2500 North Lincoln
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Price: $3.86 (includes postage)

JAPAN

A 331-page curriculum guide to teaching about Japan developed by teachers in Washoe County, Nevada, designed primarily for the 6th grade level and containing a variety of classroom exercises grouped under such topics as: history, government, industry, sports, religion, holidays, homes, gardens, and ikebana.

Order from: Superintendent of Schools
Washoe County School District
425 East 9th Street
Reno, Nevada 89512

Price: No charge

TEACHING ABOUT JAPAN

A workbook for teaching about Japan developed by two social studies specialists from Houston, Texas who traveled to Japan as members of a Japan Foundation team. Lessons are divided among those designed for middle school (4 lessons) and those for high school (4 lessons). Many of the upper-level activities focus on interdependence and trade-related issues; others focus on home life and cultural comparisons.

Order from: Caroline Penn
Harris County Department of Education
6208 Irvington
Houston, TX 77022

Price: $3.00

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